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Applicants: Hiroaki OKAMOTO, et al.

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Applicants undersigned attorney, respectfully request a three-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated December 9, 1997 in the above-identified application. The time for response is thus extended up to and including June 9, 1998.

Our check in the sum of \$475.00 is attached.

Please charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, No. 02-4300, and credit any overpayment to said Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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